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Chairman Gary Pierce
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners,

RE: Tucson Electric Power Company's Application for Approval of its 2011-2012 Energy Efficiency Implementation Plan, E-01933A-11-0055

The Pima County Interfaith Council Green Economic Team, representing over 40 faith-based organizations in the Tucson area, strongly supports and urges you to approve Tucson Electric Power Company's (TEP) Proposed Modified Implementation Plan filed on January 31, 2012. We also strongly oppose any provision that would allow TEP to opt out of the Energy Efficiency Standard requirements. **We have heard that the TEP modified Energy Efficiency Implementation Plan has been pulled from today's ACC agenda. This is a serious step backwards.**

The Modified Plan represents a reasonable and balanced compromise to a challenging set of circumstances, and we encourage you to support it. Importantly, it continues existing energy efficiency programs that keep energy costs low for everyone and that create local jobs. It also ensures that new energy-saving programs will be offered. New offerings include savings opportunities for low-income residents and renters, and the Residential Energy Financing Program, a program that our organization worked on for over two years. Our efforts helped to secure an Arizona-based lender that should make these loans easier to access and keep Arizona savings working to improve our local economies.

Please support the Modified Plan for the benefit of our communities.

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